

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.*

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing content to a conversation between at least two people via an expert system that includes at least a processor and a memory, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

extracting, via a keyword extractor, one or more keywords from said conversation;

determining, via the keyword extractor, a set of wordstems of said extracted keywords;

determining, via a topic finder, a topic of said conversation based on said set of wordstems of said extracted keywords, wherein further the topic is determined based on specific-level parents for pairs of hypernym trees whose corresponding hyponym trees (i) contain a word count of more than two words of the wordstem set and (ii) have a highest coverage, wherein coverage is equal to a ratio of (a) the word count of a respective hyponym tree to (b) the number of words in the set of wordstems, further wherein the hypernym trees are determined for all senses of all words in the wordstem set and the hyponym trees are determined for all senses of the specific-level parents;

obtaining, via a content finder, content based on said extracted keywords, wherein said obtaining content is further based on said topic; and

presenting, via a content presentation system, said content to one or more of said people in said conversation.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising the step of wherein~~ extracting the one or more keywords includes performing speech recognition to extract

said keywords from said conversation<sub>1</sub>, wherein said conversation is a verbal conversation.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presented content includes said one or more keywords, one or more related keywords, or a history of said keywords.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~, claim 1, wherein said presented content includes said topic, one or more related topics or a history of topics.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said obtaining content ~~step~~ further comprises ~~the step of~~ performing a search of one or more content repositories.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said obtaining content ~~step~~ further comprises ~~the step of~~ performing a search of the Internet based on said topic.

9. – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system for providing content to a conversation between at least two people, comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

extract one or more keywords from said conversation;

determine a set of wordstems of said extracted keywords;

determine a topic of said conversation based on said set of wordstems of said extracted keywords, wherein the determined topic is further based on specific-level parents for pairs of hypernym trees whose corresponding hyponym trees (i) contain a

word count of more than two words of the wordstem set and (ii) have a highest coverage, wherein coverage is equal to a ratio of (a) the word count of a respective hyponym tree to (b) the number of words in the set of wordstems, further wherein the hypernym trees are determined for all senses of all words in the wordstem set and the hyponym trees are determined for all senses of the specific-level parents;

obtain content based on said extracted keywords, wherein the obtained content is further based on said topic; and

present said content to one or more of said people in said conversation.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said processor is further configured to perform speech recognition to extract said keywords from said conversation wherein said conversation is a verbal conversation.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein said presented content includes said one or more keywords, one or more related keywords, or a history of said keywords.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 15~~, claim 14, wherein said presented content includes said topic, one or more related topics or a history of topics.

20. – 26. (Canceled)